

(f) Subpoenas issued by the Board, in connection with any hearing, shall be directed to any officer authorized by law to serve process, and the further procedures and rules of law applicable with respect thereto shall be prescribed in connection with subpoenas to the same extent as if issued by a court of record. In case of a refusal to obey a subpoena issued by the Board, application may be made to the Superior Court of the appropriate county for enforcement thereof.

(g) The burden of proof at any hearing shall be upon the person or the Board as the case may be, at whose instance the hearing is being held.

(h) No decision or order of the Board shall be made in any proceeding unless the same is supported by competent, material and substantial evidence upon consideration of the whole record.

(i) Following any hearing, the Board shall afford the parties thereto a reasonable opportunity to submit within such time as prescribed by the Board proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and any brief in connection therewith. The record in the proceeding shall show the Board's ruling with respect to each such requested finding of fact and conclusion of law.

(j) All orders and decisions of the Board shall set forth separately the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall, wherever necessary, cite the appropriate provision of law or other source of authority on which any action or decision of the Board is based.

(k) As previously recited above, the Board shall have the authority to adopt a seal which shall be the seal of said Board and which shall be judicially noticed by the courts of the State. Any document, proceeding, order, decree, special order, rule, regulation, rule of procedure or any other official act or records of the Board or its minutes may be certified by the director or assistant director of the department under his hand and the seal of the Board and when so certified shall be received in evidence in all actions or proceedings in the courts of the State without further proof of the identity of the same if such records are competent, relevant and material in any such action or proceeding. The Board shall have the right to take judicial notice of all studies, reports, statistical data or any other official reports or records of the Federal Government or of any sister state and all such records, reports and data may be placed in evidence by the Board or by any other person or interested party where material, relevant and competent.

Sec. 11. Judicial Review. Any person against whom any final order or decision has been made except where no appeal is allowed as provided by Section 143-215.2 (j) shall have a right of appeal to the Superior Court of Wake County or of the county where the order or decision is effective within 30 days after such order or decision has become final. Upon such appeal the Board shall send a certified transcript of all testimony and exhibits introduced before the Board, the order or decision, and the notice of appeal to the Superior Court. The matter on appeal shall be heard and determined de novo on the transcript certified to the court and any evidence or additional evidence as shall be competent under rules of evidence then applicable to trials in the Superior Court without a jury upon any question of fact; provided, the court shall allow any party to introduce evidence or